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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method in a data processing system for handling a request for content, the method comprising:
- receiving the request for content;
- identifying a content source from a plurality of content sources using the request to form an identified
- 10 content source;
- retrieving the content from the identified content source; and
- applying a template to the content to generate a Web page, wherein the template is a template associated with
- 15 the identified content source from the plurality of content sources.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- sending the Web page to a requester originating the
- 20 request.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the Web page is a Java server page.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein template is a particular template associated with the identified content source and associated with a user originating the request.
- 30 5. A method in a data processing system for handling a request, the method comprising:

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receiving the request, wherein the request contains
a universal resource identifier;

obtaining navigation information using the universal
resource identifier;

5 retrieving content from a particular content source
from a plurality of content sources using the universal
resource identifier;

selecting a template from a plurality of templates
using the universal resource identifier; and

10 generating a Web page using the template, the
navigation information, and content.

6. The method of claim 5 further comprising:

generating session information using information
15 within the request.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein selecting step
includes selecting the template using the session
information in addition to the universal resource
20 identifier.

8. The method of claim 5, wherein the obtaining step
comprises:

obtaining navigation information using the universal
25 resource identifier; and

creating a navigation object.

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9. The method of claim 8, wherein the retrieving step comprises:

retrieving content from a particular content source
from a plurality of content sources using the universal
5 resource identifier; and
creating a content object.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the generating step comprises:

10 generating the Web page using the template, the
navigation object, and content object.

11. The method of claim 5, wherein the Web page is a
Java server page.

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12. A content server system for comprising:

a get navigation process, wherein the get navigation
process obtains navigation information using a universal
resource locator;

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a get content process, wherein the get content
process obtains content from a plurality of content
sources using the universal resource locator;

a build page process, wherein a page is created
using the navigation information and the content; and

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a request process, wherein the request process
initiates the get navigation process, the get content
process, and the build page process in response to
receiving a request.

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13. The method of claim 12, wherein the build page
process is initiated after the navigation information and
the content are retrieved.

14. A data processing system comprising:

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a bus system;
 a communications unit connected to the bus system;
 a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the
 memory includes as set of instructions; and
 5 a processing unit connected to the bus system,
 wherein the processing unit executes the set of
 instructions to receive the request for content; identify
 a content source from a plurality of content sources
 using the request to form an identified content source;
 10 retrieve the content from the identified content source;
 and apply a template to the content to generate a Web
 page, wherein the template is a template associated with
 the identified content source from the plurality of
 content sources.

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15. A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;
 a communications unit connected to the bus system;
 a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the
 20 memory includes as set of instructions; and
 a processing unit connected to the bus system,
 wherein the processing unit executes the set of
 instructions to receive the request, wherein the request
 contains a universal resource identifier; obtain
 25 navigation information using the universal resource
 identifier; retrieve content from a particular content
 source from a plurality of content sources using the
 universal resource identifier; select a template from a
 plurality of templates using the universal resource
 30 identifier; generate a Web page using the template, the
 navigation information, and content.

16. A data processing system for handling a request for

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content, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving the request for content;

identifying means for identifying a content source
5 from a plurality of content sources using the request to form an identified content source;

retrieving means for retrieving the content from the identified content source; and

applying means for applying a template to the
10 content to generate a Web page, wherein the template is a template associated with the identified content source from the plurality of content sources.

17. The data processing system of claim 16 further
15 comprising:

sending means for sending the Web page to a requester originating the request.

18. The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the
20 Web page is a Java server page.

19. The data processing system of claim 16, wherein
template is a particular template associated with the identified content source and associated with a user
25 originating the request.

20. A data processing system for handling a request, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving the request, wherein
30 the request contains a universal resource identifier;

obtaining means for obtaining navigation information using the universal resource identifier;

retrieving means for retrieving content from a

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particular content source from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier; selecting means for selecting a template from a plurality of templates using the universal resource identifier; and
5 generating means for generating a Web page using the template, the navigation information, and content.

21. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein the generating means is a first generating means and further
10 comprising:

 second generating means for generating session information using information within the request.

22. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein
15 selecting means includes means for selecting the template using the session information in addition to the universal resource identifier.

23. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein the
20 obtaining means comprises:

 first means for obtaining navigation information using the universal resource identifier; and
 second means for creating a navigation object.

24. The data processing system of claim 23, wherein the
25 retrieving means comprises:

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first means for retrieving content from a particular content source from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier; and

second means for creating a content object.

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25. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the generating means comprises:

first means for generating the Web page using the template, the navigation object, and content object.

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26. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein the Web page is a Java server page.

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27. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for handling a request for content, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving the request for content;

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second instructions for identifying a content source from a plurality of content sources using the request to form an identified content source;

third instructions for retrieving the content from the identified content source; and

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fourth instructions for applying a template to the content to generate a Web page, wherein the template is a template associated with the identified content source from the plurality of content sources.

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28. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for handling a request, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving the request,
wherein the request contains a universal resource
identifier;

third instructions for retrieving content from a particular content source from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier;

fifth instructions for generating a Web page using the template, the navigation information, and content.